

characterised in that], wherein the barrier layer is a metal foil.

4. (amended) [A] The package according [claims 2 and 3, characterised in that] to claim 2, wherein the heat-sealable polymer is polyethylene, the barrier layer [metal foil] is aluminum foil, and the damage protective layer is a polyester film.

5. (amended) [The use of] A method for the aseptic packaging of an intravaginal article comprising placing the article into a sachet made of a polyethylene - aluminum foil laminate and a polyester outer layer, comprising a plastic rib-and-groove reclosing means, [for the aseptic packaging of an intravaginal article, the laminate being provided with a polyester outer layer].

6. (amended) [A use of according to claim 5, characterized in that the laminate comprises] The package according to claim 1, comprising a low density polyethylene inner layer of 35-45  $\mu\text{m}$ , an aluminum foil barrier layer of 8-10  $\mu\text{m}$ , and a PET protective outer layer of 10-14  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Please add the following new claim:

-- 7. The package according to claim 1, wherein the reclosable strip comprises a rib-and-groove reclosing means. --

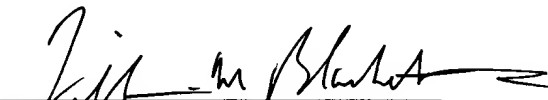
#### REMARKS

Claims 1 - 6 are amended and claim 7 is added. Claims 1 - 7 are presented for examination.

It is believed that claims 1 - 7 recite a patentable improvement in the art. Favorable action is solicited. In then

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